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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 December 2003.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-25, 27-29 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-25 and 27-29 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____ 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. This communication is responsive to the request for reconsideration, filed 12/12/03. This action is Final.
2. Applicant's request for reconsideration has been considered and the previous rejection under 35 USC § 102 (e) has been withdrawn. A new office action in the form of rejection under 35 USC § 103 (a) is as follows.
3. It is also noted that, per a phone request made by Mr. Scott Schulhof on 11/26/03, a copy of the Prizm Plug-in freeware was sent via email on the same day to the requester.
4. Claims 1-25 and 27-29 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 14 and 22 are independent claims. In the Amendment A, claims 1, 7, 14 and 22 were amended.
5. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

6. Claim 1-25 and 27-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Netscape Communicator v 4.61 ("Netscape Communicator") in view of Prizm Plug-in 2.1 ("Prizm").

As per claims 1-5, Netscape Communicator teaches a method of modifying an image on a web page, the method comprising: establishing communication with a remote computer over an Internet public network (fig. 1; *connecting to the PTO website*) using HTTP Internet protocol through a TCP/IP stack (*inherent features within browsers such as Netscape*); downloading the

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web page from the remote computer and displaying the web page in a web-browser interface (fig. 1; *PTO webpage*); and in response to the user selecting the image from the displayed web page directly from the web-browser interface, presenting the image in an interface to the user (fig. 3; *user selecting image 30 and activating the editor through menu option 36*). Netscape Communicator does not expressly disclose the image to be presented in an editing interface for modification by the user. However, such a feature is well known in the art. For instance, Prizm, a plug-in application, which when “plugged” into a web browser such as Netscape Communicator, makes up for what Netscape Communicator does not teach (figs. 4-5; *where a “plug-in” editor is automatically invoked---see figs. 1-2 for information on the plug-in editor*).

As per claims 6, Netscape Communicator teaches the web page to comprise a plurality of images (fig. 3; *images 30, 32 and 34*), and wherein the presenting step further comprise: in response to user selection of at least one image of the plurality of images (fig. 3; *user selecting image 30 and activating the editor through menu option 36*), presenting the selected image in an editing interface for modification by the user (figs. 4-5; *where a “plug-in” editor is automatically invoke---see figs. 1-2 for information on the plug-in editor*).

Claims 7, 11, 12-14 and 17-22 are similar in scope to claims 6, 1, 6, 9, 1, 7, 14-17, 1 respectively, and are therefore rejected under similar rationale.

As per claims 8-9 and 15, the method of Netscape Communicator and Prizm does not explicitly disclose the steps of: (a) determining user’s write access privilege/authorization and saving a modified image as a modified source file onto the remote computer; and (b) changing the appearance of the image when the cursor is over at least part of the image even though the step of detecting the location of the cursor on the user interface is used (shown in fig. 3).

However, these steps are notoriously well known in the art. It would have been obvious to an artisan at the time of the invention to include these steps with the Netscape Communicator in order to provide measures of security for user accounts and data therein, and to distinguish the image from the rest of the web page.

As per claim 10, Netscape Communicator/Prizm teaches the user being given an option to open the web page in the editing interface (figs. 3-4).

Claim 16 is similar in scope to the combination of claims 6 and 15, and are therefore rejected under similar rationale.

Claims 23, 27 and 29 are similar in scope to claims 2, 16 and 8 respectively, and are therefore rejected under similar rationale.

As per claim 24, Netscape Communicator/Prizm discloses the communication means to be a socket (*an inherent feature for indentifying a particular service on a particular node on a network*).

As per claims 25, Netscape Communicator/Prizm teaches the downloading means to be a web browser in cooperating with the communicating means (fig. 3).

As per claims 28, Netscape Communicator/Prizm teaches the editing means to be a graphic editing program (fig. 5).

Inquires

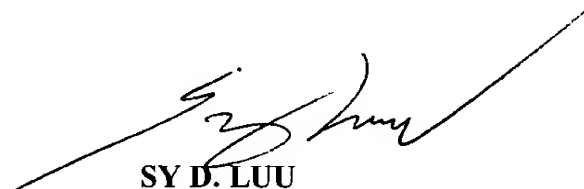
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sy Luu whose telephone number is (703) 305-0409. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday from 7:00 am to 4:30 pm (EST). The examiner can also be reached on alternate Friday.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kristine Kincaid, can be reached on (703) 308-0640.

The fax number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.



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